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THE following Addresses have been Presented to His Majesty, who received them very Graciously.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Addres of the Lord-Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, and other Gentlemen of the County of Worcester, *made at the Assizes holden at* Worcester *the 27th day of* March, 1685.

Most Dread Soveraign,

THough we appear not so early (compar'd with others) in paying the just Tribute of publick Sorrow for the Death of our late Gracious Soveraign, yet do we humbly presume to assure your Majesty, that nothing could have allayed our Grief, or ballanc'd so mighty a loss, but our happy Contemplation of Your Royal Self (the undoubted Heir of His Crown) peaceably seated upon the Throne of Your Ancestors, which fills our Hearts with solid Joys, and our Mouths with loudest Acclamations; Blessing God and your Majesty who have so Graciously declar'd, that You will defend Your People in all their just Rights and Liberties, and the Church of England as by Law Established, which Church (to its everlasting Honour) is the strongest Asserter of the inviolable Rights of Kings; In conformity to the Doctrine whereof we will never forfeit that good opinion your Majesty hath conceiv'd of us, and our Church, acknowledging our selves obliged as well by our Religion as the Laws, to defend your Sacred Person and Government with the utmost hazard of our Lives and Fortunes; And we are assured to send such Members to Parliament as shall approve themselves Loyal to your Majesty, under whose Auspicious Reign may this Kingdom and all other Your Dominions ever flourish, to the utter disappointment and confusion of all Your Enemies.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Addres of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Incorporated Company of Clothiers *within Your City of* Worcester.

Great SIR,

WIth Souls divided betwixt Joy and Grief, we presume to come into your Royal Presence, to deplore at once the most fatal Affliction that could have happened, and thankfully to adore that Providence, which after so severe a Stroke has chear'd us with as unspeakable a Blessing, by giving us, we mean for our CHARLES a JAMES the Second. Thanks be to God that such a Matchless Pair, whose mutual Love no Story can parallel, were separated by a natural Death; That your Precious Lives and all your Liege People, were so signally deliver'd from the violent designs of the Crafty Achitophel, from the deep and Hellish Projects of the Council of Six, from Blunderbusses, Insurrections, and Massacres, and from all the dire effects of that Exclusive Bill so impudently, unrighteously, and ungratefully preferred against one that had not only the most unquestionable Title to the Succession, but that for His many Services done these Kingdoms, and for His Incomparable Qualifications, was apparently the most deserving Prince in the World. This we all now see, and cannot but bless the memory of Your most Gracious Predecessor, who in great Justice to You and Tenderness to us, did with resolution worthy of Himself, declare against and discountenance that unreasonable Proposal.

Our Eyes are at last Universally open'd, and have broke through the Mist that was cast before them, though some of us indeed were too fond of a bold and daring Man that fled in the face of Majesty, and treacherously Struck at the most valuable and firmly rooted Interests of his Master, who rais'd him not long before out of the very Dust However, SIR, we hope in this You'll pardon Your misguided Subjects, and admit us to Address You among our ever Loyal Brethren, since our Sorrow is unfeigned, and our Repentance is as evident and publick as our Crime. We do all to a Man detest him and all such Seducers, looking upon them as State-Interlopers; nor will we ever bestow a Vote upon any hereafter who are likely either to invade the Prerogative or disregard the Wants of our King, whose Power is our Bulwark, whose Wealth is our certain Treasure. For we are sure that we and all our dearest Concerns are safe in You, being convinc'd by Your Promise, that's like Your Person, Sacred

May then Your Life, Mighty Prince, be long and Glorious, may Your many Kingly Virtues, as they needs must, make us a Considerable People; May You be fear'd abroad, and reverr'd at home; and since You Your Self whilst a Subject, were so Exemplary in Your Obedience, may every Man in the Three Nations imitate so great a Pattern.

The humble Addres of the Bishop, Chapter, and Clergy of the Diocess of Oxford, *to the High and Mighty Prince* JAMES *the Second, by the Grace of* GOD *King of* England, *&c.*

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects the Bishop, Chapter, and Clergy of the Diocess of Oxford; though we have in conjunction with our University and County, made early Gratulations of your Majesties peaceful possession of Your Imperial Crown; notwithstanding the Rebellious attempts of Wicked Men, who set themselves against it: Yet being now expresly call'd together, by the command of your Sacred Majesty, for the choice of our Proctors in Convocation; we thought the opportunity was not to be pass'd over, to make in our own name, and entirely of our selves, a particular profession of Duty. Therefore in all humility, prostrate at your Majesties Feet, we desire to offer our grateful acknowledgments of Your singular Clemency express in Your Gracious Declaration to maintain our Religion, as now by Law Established; wherein are bound up our best and highest Interests: Also adoring the Divine Goodness, which hath put it into your Majesties Royal Heart, to repress the profligate Immoralities of the Age; and stop that Issue of Blood, the barbarous cowardize of Duelling, which in defiance of the Laws of God and of the Land, made the License of our peace, more unreasonably inhumane, then the Cruelties of War; We take leave to look upon these first Essays of Your Government, as sure Presages of future blessings: And render our heartiest thanks to God and to your Majesty for them. Also we pray that the Divine Goodness which has given your Majesty to these Three Kingdoms a great Example of Heroical and Princely Virtues; will give Your People grateful Hearts to value their Enjoyments, and express their thankfulness in suitable returns of Submission and Obedience. Lastly, we solemnly promise our faithful and unwearied endeavour in our stations, that Your People may imbibe into their minds, those two great Lessons, of Fearing God, and Honouring the King; and fully understand, that nothing can make Your Reign easie and happy to them, but their making it first so unto your Sacred Majesty.

To His Sacred Majesty King JAMES II.

The Humble Address of the Grand-Jury of your Majesties Antient County Palatine of *Chester*, at the Assizes held at your Castle of *Chester*, the Sixth day of *April*, in the First Year of your Majesties Reign, *Anno Dom.* 1685.

Dread SIR,

AFter our unspeakable loss of the best of Princes, to remain in the Possession of the same Peace and Plenty, with Hopes of greater, is a Blessing so inestimable and undeserv'd, That we cannot but with the highest Transports of Joy and Zeal, acknowledge the great Bounty of Heaven, in placing you (by a rightful Succession) on the Throne of your Royal Progenitors, where after having stemm'd the Torrent of a proud and long pamper'd Faction, and baffl'd the secret and deep Conspiracies of your Enemies, in despight of all Popular Tumults, Bills of Exclusion, Associations, Comprehension, and Black Boxes, you are become a Terror to the wicked, and an Example to the good and Virtuous; But above all the most Memorable Acts of your Life, we value that of your Gracious Declaration in Council, giving us a full Assurance of Protecting and Preserving our Established Religion and Government, by the indisputable Testimony and Character therein contain'd, of the Principles and Members of the Church of England, wherein you shew'd your unparallel'd Condescention, by

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